

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 2252 without my signature.

I agree that youth offer a unique and thoughtful perspective on issues that affect California. However, this bill is duplicative of efforts currently underway by the Child Welfare Council established under the Child Welfare Leadership and Performance Accountability Act of 2006 and the State Youth Council. Furthermore, the Administration and the Legislature already have the authority to create councils to advise them, rendering this bill unnecessary.

For these reasons, I am unable to support this bill.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger